

Presented 10/30  
By G. S. Eddy.  
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TO THE  
K I N G ' s Most Excellent  
M A J E S T Y in COUNCIL,

The PETITION of the FREEHOLDERS  
and INHABITANTS of the Province of *Pensylvania*.



*Most humbly sheweth,*

**T**HAT great Obstructions to Your Majesty's Service, and Mischiefs to the said Province, have, during the two last Wars, been occasioned by a continual Disagreement between the Proprietaries of the Province, who are Governors of the same, and the Assemblies chosen annually by the People.

**T**HAT the like Disagreements between the Proprietaries and People in all the other Colonies of *America* settled under Proprietary Governments, and like Mischiefs attending those Disagreements, have, in most of the said Colonies, occasioned a Surrender of the Powers of Government to the Crown, or a Resumption of the same by Your Majesty's Predecessors; only two Proprietary Governments now remaining in *America*.

**T**HAT your Petitioners humbly conceive such mischievous Disagreements to proceed from the very Nature of Proprietary Governments;—the Multitude of Disputes arising between the Proprietaries and private Persons, concerning Matters of Property, naturally occasioning mutual Opinions of Injustice, and thence in the Proprietaries a Dislike of the People, and in the People a Want of Respect to the Proprietary Government;—while the Proprietaries Power, as Governors, of appointing Judges, during their Pleasure, to judge in their own as well as all other Causes, subjects them to Suspicion; and their making use of their Powers of Government, especially in Times of publick Distress, to enforce Claims of private Interest, renders their Government odious.

**T H E**

THE Petitioners therefore, desirous of enjoying the Privileges granted them by Your Majesty's Predecessors, freed from the Inconveniencies which they conceive incident to Proprietary Governments, and which they have long laboured under; and earnestly wishing to partake of that Happiness and Security which they see all those Colonies around them enjoy, who are under Your Majesty's immediate Government, do humbly pray, that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to take the Government of this Province likewise into Your own Royal Hands, making the Proprietaries such equitable Compensation for the same, as to Your Majesty's Wisdom and Goodness shall seem meet.

AND the Petitioners, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

Abel James	Edw. Evans.	Philip Syng
Wm. Clamoffen	Tho. Wharton	Jeremiah Warder
Sam. L. Wharton.	Joseph Jacobs	David Seshler
James Harding	Wm. West	Jas. Saunders
Benj. Horner	Edw. Wharton junr	John Lehmer
Jacob Bright	John Raynston	And <sup>rs</sup> Barakson
Joseph Lovett	John Wharton	Josh. Humphreys
John Lucken	Robt. Owen	Peter Preewe
Benj. Rawle	Jacob Cooper	Dan. Williams
Orville Eve	Sam. Burge	Edw. Tullet
Frederick Baker	Jacob Lewis	Stephen Shewell
Mr. Ladd Howell	Jaas. Pashall	Isaac Stretch
James Hartley	Peter Long	Jonas Evans
James Chapman	Geo. Robotham	John Moyes
Sam. Sansom Junr	Alex. Allaine	Edw. Wharton
Sam. Shaw Jr.	James Carter	



Loth. Spragell	James Bennezet	George Owen
John Potter	Sam. Appowen	Joseph Paschall
Thos. Field	John Stille	<del>Chas. Jervis</del>
Thos. Tilbury	John Ansoy	Sam. Leacock
Doughty Jones	John Bayly	Joseph Coleman
Rich. Roberts	Will <sup>m</sup> . Bishop	Saml. Morris Junr
Andrew York	Brian Wilkinson	Israel Morris Junr
Will <sup>m</sup> . Dewes Junr	Edward Brinker	Junr
Thos. Potter	Edmund Beach	Morris Junr
Aug <sup>st</sup> . Wright	Saml. Bonnell	Philip Kinsey
Peter Thomson	David Cauthorn	Joseph Herves
Robert Elton	John Elton	W. Richbourn
Jonathan Lane	Joan Peters	In Ord
Jac <sup>s</sup> . Hutchings	Wales Evans	William Lward
Laurence Price	John Drinki	Andrew Doz
Saml. Hastings	John White	Emanuel Rous
John Horrocks	Robert Black	Joseph White
William Wain	Jeremiah Smith	John Jones
Richard Wood	Thomas Smith	Edw. Campbell
Edward Yorke	Richard Wain Junr	John Goodwin
Joseph Hill	Rich. Swan	Alexander Fraser
Israel Caspell	Sam. Soumain	John Nixon
Bowyer Brooke	Robt. Wright	<del>Edw. Evans</del>
Nathaniel Brown	Saml. Davis	Edward Evans
James Cassett	John Ashmead	Daniel Robinson
Ellen Eltham	James Johnson	Thomas Evans
Saml. Caruthers		Wm. Wood
John Carmalt	Geo. Roberts	Joseph Grayson



James Park	Benjamin Handcock	James Smith
John Parker	Joseph Peckman	Joseph Titton
Sam. Pleasant	John Reeling	John Chippington
Joseph Smith	Anthony Reddon	Nichol Sauerwalt
John Jarvis	Robert Erwin	Griffith Jones
Charles Forster	Jacob Heitzheimer	Christoffel Lindick
Samuel Bonnell	Abraham Hinzling	Ant. Pinner
Christopher Inger	Joseph Engle	Grispold Gräfen
Joseph Dean	John Martin	Philip Sangfalden
Blair McElnachan	Sam Hudson	Emmanuel Foschak
Samuel Miles	John Shuff	Samuel Taylor
Wm Rigdon	John Guest	Caleb Hewes
Benj. Helling	George Shaswood	John Young
Unidentified	John Williams	Sam. Dornette
Cabriel Robideau	Alexander Stewart	Wm Adcock
Joe Harman	Joseph Warner	Rich. Parker
Joseph Allen	W. Evans	Charles Moore
Alfred Hamilton	Wm Dunlap	John Clark
Unidentified	Robt. Towers	John Rouse
William Gough	John Williams	Jonathan Shoemaker
Robert Allen	John Williams	Conrad Bed
Francis Harris	Jonathan Shoemaker	Aquille Jones
Francis Manly	Benjamin Humphreys	John Kornhold
Solomon Willis	Mark Kuhl	Benjamin Robinson
William Budden	Adam Ford	Farmer Dewes
Dan Hewes	St. Thornhill	John Kelly
Vellan. Beddy	W. Blanch White	Thomas Palmer
		George Alcott
		Grace Colwell